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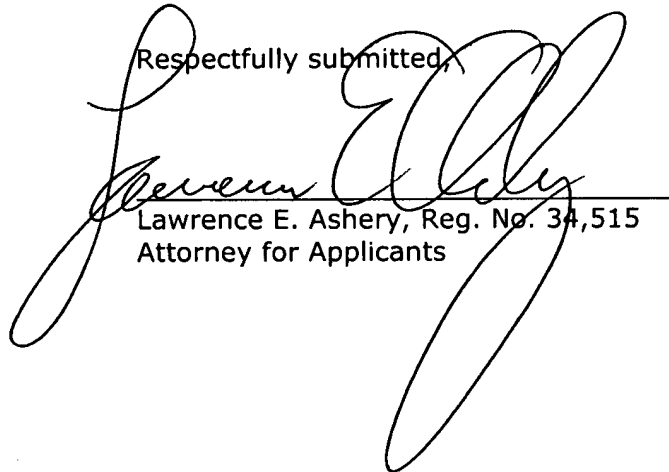
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References 1) - 10) include an English language abstract. Reference 1) also includes a "concise explanation" under 37 CFR Section 1.98(a)(3) as set forth in the specification at page 1, line 12. Reference 11) includes an English explanation of what is claimed and a brief description of the drawings.

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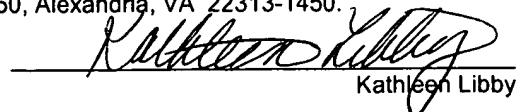
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